

CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR CONSULAR OFFICES AND OFFICERS

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The Secretary of State to the Norwegian Minister

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, January 20, 1932

SIR:

I have the honor to make the following statement of my understanding of the agreement that has been reached with reference to the treatment which shall be accorded by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Norway, respectively, to official supplies for the consular offices of the other country, and the personal property of its consular officers on the entry of such supplies and property into their respective territories:

It is agreed between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Norway to permit the entry free of duty of all furniture, equipment and supplies intended for official use in the consular offices of the other and to extend to such consular officers of the other and their families and suites as are its nationals, the privilege of entry free of duty of their baggage and all other personal property whether accompanying the officer to his post or imported at any time during his incumbency thereof, provided, nevertheless, that no article the importation of which is prohibited by the law of either of the two countries may be brought into its territories.

It is understood, however, that this privilege shall not be extended to unsalaried consular officers (honorary consuls) or to consular officers who are engaged in any private occupation for gain in the countries to which they are accredited, save with respect to governmental supplies.

This agreement shall become operative on February 1, 1932.

Upon receipt of your confirmation of this understanding, the agreement will be understood as completed.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

W. R. CASTLE, Jr.

Mr. HALVARD H. BACHKE,
Minister of Norway.

The Norwegian Minister to the Secretary of State

ROYAL NORWEGIAN LEGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 20th, 1932*

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With reference to your note of to-day, I have the honor, acting under instructions of the Norwegian Government to declare that it is agreed between the Norwegian Government and the Government of the United States of America to permit the entry free of duty of all furniture, equipment and supplies intended for official use in the consular offices of the other and to extend to such consular officers of the other and their families and suites as are its nationals, the privilege of entry free of duty of their baggage and all other personal property whether accompanying the officer to his post or imported at any time during his incumbency thereof, provided, nevertheless, that no article the importation of which is prohibited by the law of either of the two countries may be brought into its territories.

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H. H. BACHKE

Honorable HENRY L. STIMSON,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.